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National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

Richard Lehman

Acting Chairman, National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT:

Status of Work on Global Economic Assessment

- 1. Work on the Global Economic Assessment is progressing on schedule. A survey on the views of key economic policymakers, external contacts and key NFAC personnel is nearly completed and drafting has been started. I anticipate that we will have a draft memorandum ready to circulate to other agencies by mid-January and a final draft ready for your review in time to meet the promised end-of-January publication deadline.
- 2. So far a substantial amount of time and effort has been expended in making sure that we are keying in on specific policy interests and incorporating the views of external contacts in the business, financial and consulting sectors. Attached for your information are lists of individuals which have been contacted.
- 3. Moreover, we have held a series of discussions with key NFAC personnel aimed at looking at the risks and opportunities for US interests in each region of the globe. In these discussions, we have tapped NFAC expertise on political and military factors as well as economic issues. The NFAC Management Analysis and Support Staff is also giving analytical support so that we may assess the likely impact of support shifts in economic and trade policies. Finally, the Office of Global Issues is drafting a contribution on the problems and opportunities for industrial markets for inclusion in the memorandum.
- 4. I appreciate that no firm conclusions have been forwarded to you in recent memorandums on the subject of the Global Assessment. We would, however, defer drawing a final assessment until the preliminary draft is ready so that we can be sure that we stand on firm ground.

	Richard Lehman	
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